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Such was Mr Garrison's view at that time. In his speech at Providence ~~[illegible]~~ July 4. 1837, he says:—

solid 20 "In the midst of the holy impieties, the patriotic mockeries, the sublime follies, the lawful bacchanalian excesses of this day, he sounded a tocsin of alarm, & stood forth, in the spirit of prophecy, to proclaim in the ears of the people, that our doom as a nation is sealed; that the that the day of our probation is ended, and we are not saved.

Nor form of government, nor representative body, nor written parchment, nor social compact, nor physical preparation, can give us perpetuity, or hide us from the wrath of the Lamb. *The downfall of the Republic seems inevitable*.

If History be not wholly fabulous, if Revelation be not a forgery, if God be not faithless in the execution of his threatnings,—the doom is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. The overthrow of the American confederacy is in the womb of events.

Neither sacred or profane history furnishes any example of a nation of oppressors voluntarily surrendering their ill-gotten power. Either the oppressed have been compelled to emancipate themselves by revolution, or God has been necessitated to destroy their oppressors by direct interposition—by blinding them with his lightnings, and annihilating them with his ~~thun~~ thunderbolts. Wherein then do we hope for the salvation of this nation?

To darken the aspect of our fate, it was only necessary to consider the appalling fact that we have *a union of Church and State in support of Slavery*.

The corruptions of the Church so called, are obviously more deep and incurable than those of the *State*; and therefore the *Church*, in spite of every precaution and safeguard, is first to be dashed in pieces,

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